

Community Champions Network and Planning Meeting

The Leatherhead Clubhouse

8/12/11

Attendees

Laura Tufnail	Voluntary Action Elmbridge	LT
Kevin Delf	SLLP	KD
Elaine McGinty	SLLP	EM
Sheila Sheldrake*	East Surrey College	SS
Anne Andrews *	WEA - East Surrey	AA
Lenny Flanders	The Mary Frances Trust	LF

*attended for second half of meeting to give support and information to CLC's
Apologies: Rebecca Court; Nikki Griffiths.

EM advised the meetings were to give time for existing CLC's to share their views and experiences on working as CLC's and speak to people who can give support and advice on what's available; that new ways of sharing information could be explored and help SLLP to plan for the roll out of the scheme therefore increasing the resources for learner engagement.

LT Outlined some of the activities she had been involved with running: 'Made of Money' – a 7 week x 2hr course from Quaker Social Action run at the Oasis Children's Centre in Cobham. The course caters for 6-8 families covering items like budgeting, taste tests (comparing tastes of different priced foods) and has been found to produce many offshoots and leads to other community cohesion activities like shopping clubs etc. The 18-25 age group also seems to need some input and whilst mentoring can be encouraged those volunteering will need to know the engagement is there for them to work with, She is contacting Surrey Care Trust as a body with expertise in supporting this age group to follow this up.

EM and KD demonstrated the CLC Forum on the SLLP website. LT noted that the Forum may not be easily found under 'Capacity Building' where it is currently placed. LT demonstrated where Local Info can be found on local radio stations such as Radio Jackie, Eagle Radio etc which list some courses and activities available that CLC's might find useful.

SS and AA joined the meeting and KD explained that we wished to develop the CLC scheme and communicate to them what is available but also that providers get feedback from them about what the Community needs. Also that we need a robust volunteer management system in place to protect volunteers and for this it is necessary to work closely in partnership with providers. Could Providers have a contact for CLC's 'in house' to give support and information on their provision and also clarify the fee structures set out in the prospectus documents?

AA showed a list of courses combining skills and leisure learning that can be delivered free to target groups (those with less than a Level 2 qualification). SS showed details of tasters and free courses

available in the ESC prospectus. EM asked that any new learning opportunities be brought to CLC attention on the Forum.

LT noted that some College websites are quite hard to navigate and asked how Colleges get engaged with the Community?

LF advised that those engaged with the Clubhouse were holding an exhibition of paintings and poetry and gave information on the Wellbeing, Computer, Advocacy and Education sessions.

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